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The Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As your Committee begins consideration of S. 1527, the Civil Service Pension Reform Act, I want to thank you for your invitation to submit written comments on this measure. We have under consideration at OMB a legislative proposal which would permit the Central Intelligence Agency to administer a retirement program specially designed to meet the security and management needs of this Agency. Until OMB completes its deliberations, I believe it is premature to discuss this proposal. Therefore, with all due respect, I must decline your invitation to submit a statement for the record on S. 1527.

I do, however, take this opportunity to commend you and Senator Stevens for the difficult task you have undertaken to reform the Federal retirement system. As the head of an Executive Agency, I am well aware of the great significance a sound retirement system has to every Federal agency's management system. In the particular case of CIA, the specifics of a retirement system weigh heavily on our ability to recruit and retain top notch people, on our ability to maintain a high degree of security, and on our ability to manage our personnel with the flexibility and effectiveness necessary to carry out our complex and difficult missions.

I would hope that the subject of a retirement program for the Central Intelligence Agency can be a matter of discussion between us at an early opportunity. Until that time, I ask that you keep us in mind as you proceed through your hearings on S. 1527. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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